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Democrat

ESTABLISHED JAN. 21, 1837.

JACKSONVILLE, CALHOUN COUNTY, ALA., SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1835.

PRICE \$2 A YEAR.

COOSA VALLEY DISTRICT.

News from Surrounding Counties.

ETOWAH COUNTY.

The Attalla *Pick and Shovel* wants people to establish a heaven upon earth and not wait for bliss until they die.

Mrs L. L. Winkle, died in Attalla some days ago. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pickens.

An Attalla correspondent of the *Pick and Shovel* says the farmers of that vicinity are dejected, their crops needing work, some of them not having plowed the first time.

There is an old gentleman living 16 miles from Gadsden who is 105 years old and who walks into see a son in Gadsden.

J. W. Newton ploughed up a leather pocket book on his farm near Gadsden some days ago full of specie.

Adcock, the man who shot Roy Fullenwider, surrendered himself to the sheriff and his bond was fixed at \$500. Fullenwider has almost recovered from his wound.

Mr. L. L. Dean has begun the practice of law in Gadsden.

The Southern Lumber Company have broken up their log camps at Hickory Bluff.

Gadsden now wants a public park.

The Gadsden *Times* says: "The crops in this section are from 30 to 50 per cent. better at this time than they were at the same time last year."

Circuit Court for Etowah county will convene the 20th of July.

Mr. Will I. Herzberg has been elected Second Lieutenant of the Etowah Rifles.

A party has purchased a large tract of A. & C. R. R. land near Gadsden for the purpose of erecting an iron furnace.

TALLADEGA COUNTY.

Chandler's Spring is receiving many visitors.

The Talladega Rifles will attend the encampment of the Third Alabama Regiment. State troops at Selma the 9th inst.

The Prohibition Executive Committee of Talladega County are confident of the success of the prohibition cause in the coming election in that county the 3rd day of August next.

Mr. John Henderson Jr. of Talladega county has been admitted as a cadet at U. S. Military Institute at West Point.

A turtle weighing 69 pounds was exhibited on the streets of Talladega a few days ago.

Mr. Matt Murphy of Talladega county, known as Chinnabee chief, died a few days ago.

Crops fine about Lincoln, but grassy.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.

A little boy of Mr. J. K. Barber died some days ago. Also a little son of Mr. J. M. Reid.

A little child of Mr. W. T. Home died in Edwardsville recently.

The locusts have appeared in large numbers between Bells mill and Arbacochee.

Mr. S. W. Pruitt of Cleburne has received a shipment of German carp and will go into fish culture.

The team of Mr. S. W. Pruitt ran away with him in Edwardsville recently and he was thrown from his buggy and seriously injured.

Mrs. Gann of Cleburne was carried to the Insane Asylum at Tuscaloosa a few days ago.

Judge Burton was thrown from his wagon near his mill a few days ago and right badly hurt.

Citizens of Edwardsville attended the White Plains Masonic celebration in considerable numbers.

Crop prospects about Oak Level as good as far many years.

Oak Level has a flourishing school.

CHEROKEE COUNTY.

Mr. W. T. Aiken and Miss Mary V. Hannab and Mr. James Mitchell and Mrs. Malissa Thompson were married in Centre recently.

About 2,000 people attended the Masonic celebration in Centre and

food enough for thrice that number.

The Bass furnace in Cheoah county has spent ten thousand dollars building public roads in the new postmaster at Blountsville.

Mrs. C. C. Huffstutter and Mr. Asa J. Glasscock of Blount county died recently.

Mr. A. P. Barnes, clerk of the Commercial hotel at Calera, died lately of heart disease.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

Wind and hail did some damage to crops about Ashville a few days ago.

The mother of Maj. James Truss who lately died in St. Clair county was aged 82 years.

Mr. Will Cather, of the Ashville *Agis* is preparing a history of St. Clair county and will be thankful to receive facts as to its early settlement by one.

The *Agis* says: "Last year we had no rain in May—the crops were clear in June and could stand wet weather. The June and July rains set them to growing but the drought that followed cut them off."

Some of the Ashville merchants find business so dull they find ample time to go out hunting. The *Agis* says they are the merchants who do not advertise.

The *Agis* thus speaks of the condition of the crop in St. Clair:

The crop prospect of St. Clair county never was more flattering at this season. Everything is in a growing and healthy condition.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SPEECH.

Capt. E. T. Johnson who was lately on trial at Greenville, Tenn., for the murder of Maj. Henry who seduced his wife, made the following extraordinary speech at Kakoma, Ind., some years ago, as reported by the *Gazette* of that city at the time:

"E. T. Johnson tried his first case since his resumption of the practice of the law in Kokomo last week. As is known, his long illness has seriously impaired his hearing, and he was compelled to use a large, uncouth ear trumpet in order to hear the testimony of witnesses and the cross-questioning of the opposing counsel, one of whom was a young attorney, and who took occasion once or twice to be merry over the big horn. In his speech Johnson retorted as follows:

"Several times during this trial the gentleman has sneered contemptuously at my infirmity, and at the unsightly ear trumpet it compels me to use. My dear sir, if this trumpet is so distasteful to you, try to imagine how loathsome it is to me. I never look at it without a shudder. My hand never touches that I do not struggle with the impulse to fling it from me as the most hideous thing on earth. Should you put that trumpet to your ear you would hear sounds that would make your very eyeballs start from their sockets. You would hear the heavy thudding of the most dreadful billows of suffering that ever rolled across a human soul. You would hear groaning unutterable, denoting the agony physical and mental through which I have passed during the last five years.

"You would hear the fierce thud of a lofty ambition suddenly dethroned and the tumbling and falling of crushed and ruined hopes. Try again, and you may hear the heartbroken cry of a young father as he strained his deaf ears in vain to catch the whispered words of his dying child."

A negro brakeman was run over by seven loaded cars and horribly crushed in Birmingham recently.

Mr. Isaac R. Eskew and Miss Minnie Goodwin of Selma were married recently.

THE WAIT IMPATIENTLY.

A new grain, a hybrid between wheat and rye, has just been produced. The public will await with no small degree of interest to see the kind of whisky it will make.

Gantersville Democrat.

HOX. THOS. SEAY FOR GOVERNOR.

While the newspapers generally are expressing their preferences for gubernatorial candidates next year, we take this occasion to say that the Hon. Thos. Seay, of Hale county, would make a governor of whom the whole state would be proud.—*Fort Payne Journal*.

Locusts have appeared in Mar-

shall county.

The new postal law, which takes effect July 1st, is very important to the public and will add materially to the practical benefits of postal service. The weight of letters sent for two cents will be doubled and the rate on newspapers reduced to one cent a pound, are the only changes.

A white man and a little negro girl about thirteen years old were arrested in Montevallo a few days ago and committed to jail for running away together.

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STATE NEWS.

The Blount county *News* is pleased at the appointment of the new postmaster at Blountsville.

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Asa J. Glasscock of Blount county died recently.

Mr. A. P. Barnes, clerk of the

Commercial hotel at Calera, died

lately of heart disease.

ANABLE AND VALUABLE LETTER

FROM PROF. McCULLY,

ASSISTANT STATE GEOLOGIST,

TO THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY.

THE TUSCALOOSA GAZETTE

WANTS COL. PIQUES

OF THAT COUNTY FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

CAPT. R. H. GULLEDGE

OF COOSA COUNTY

LOST HIS HOUSE BY FIRE

RECENTLY.

MR. T. J. SHERER

AND MISS SAVILLA

WERE MARRIED

ON THE 21ST ult.

MR. JOHN KIRBY

AND MISS FANNIE

HICKS OF DEKALB COUNTY

RECENTLY MARRIED.

LEMUEL NICHOLSON

SON OF B. H.

NICHOLSON OF KELKAB COUNTY

DIED RECENTLY.

JAMES BUSH OF DEKALB COUNTY

CUT OFF FIVE INCHES

OF THE TONGUE

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CHARLIE STRICKLAND

OF TUSCALOOSA

SHOT AT A SNEAK THIEF

A FEW NIGHTS AGO.

THE THIEF RETURNED

THE FIRE

PUT A HOLE

THROUGH STRICKLAND'S

SKIRT.

THE THIEF

WAS KILLED

IN THE CORN FIELD.

CHARLIE STRICKLAND

WAS SHOT

IN THE CORN FIELD.

CHARLIE STRICKLAND

THE BARON BOUNCED.

THE TALE OF BAFFLED LOVE.

Texas Sitting.
Count Janos, a wealthy Hungarian nobleman, proposed to spend the season at a little German watering place, with his daughter Helena.

The Countess Helena was young and beautiful; she was also accomplished, and among her accomplishments might be numbered a large fortune in her own name, which, with her good looks, she had inherited from her mother. Her father was not pretty to look at, but he was a very difficult man to take advantage of.

Although extremely wealthy, strange to say, Helena had many admirers, most of whom were fully persuaded that they loved her for herself alone. Some of them admired her so much that they even loved her money for her sake. They felt an attachment for everything about her. Several others would have been willing to take the money without Helena. There are lots of such self-sacrificing people; the woods are full of them.

Among these numerous admirers there was only one to whom she gave encouragement. Baron von Falkenstein was a very handsome young man, with features more regular than his habits. He had black hair, with eyes and antecedents to match. His record was bad. He was, moreover, a marvelously fine dancer. He frequently danced attendance at court in breach of promise cases. He was a fine singer. The tenor of his whole life was base. He was not of a morose disposition, for he played a great deal, principally poker. It was also rumored that he had been obliged to leave Berlin because it was not healthy for him to stay in a town where there was half a dozen able-bodied brothers and fathers seeking him with an exasperated countenance, so to speak.

Why it is that all the young ladies in the town snub the good young man who teaches a Sunday school class, and spoon on the wicked young man who leads a disreputable life and has caused several divorces, has not been explained. Such, however, is the case in all countries; hence it is not strange that Helena spurned all her other suitors, some of whom belonged to the Young Men's Christian Association, and loved Alfred with an adhesiveness that was positively alarming.

Her father, Count Janos, did not share her infatuation for the Baron. Although his eyesight was somewhat impaired, he could nevertheless perceive defects in him which had escaped the notice of his daughter. He was not only a shrewd man, but a very plucky one. He was just the kind of a father-in-law Baron Alfred von Falkenstein should not have picked out.

When Count Janos explained to his daughter what kind of a delegate the Baron was, she replied that it was a campaign lie and declared that he was her choice, first, last and forever. Then the Count began to think up a scheme to count the Baron out.

The Baron, who was an expert at the business, had succeeded in ingratiating himself in the affections of Helena so completely that she regarded him as a saint and her father as a fiend in human shape.

One day the Baron wrote her a confidential circular, in which he suggested that they hold a conference at a certain hour in her father's house, the object of the conference being to provide transportation facilities and make other arrangements for an elopement picnic, and added that if she was in harmony with the reform movement she was to wear a red rose in her bosom.

Old man Janos captured this campaign circular, and although it was marked private, he cautiously opened it and read its contents, just the same as if he belonged to the post office department. He did not mention the confidential circular to his daughter, nor did he leave it lying around where she might pick it up. That afternoon Count Janos invited his daughter to take stroll in the suburbs, at the same time handing her a red rose with which to adorn her breast. She did so with a smile, but it was one of the last smiles of that brand she got off for about a month afterwards. But we anticipate. While taking the fresh air with her father, whom should they meet but Baron Alfred von Falkenstein himself, who bowed very politely when he perceived the red rose. The plot thickens.

Count Janos sent off all his servants, and suggested to his daughter that she take a siesta in the boudoir, he turned the key on the outside. At the appointed hour the Baron bounded gaily over the garden wall, and finding the door of the house locked, like one of the sheep thieves mentioned in the New Testament, he climbed into the sheep fold by another way. He opened the window, and shovelled himself through it into the house...

He was filled almost to the brim with joyous anticipations, but his eyes protruded like door knobs with anxiety, when instead of Miss Helena, he gazed on the stalwart form of her worthy parent, who had a pistol in each hand and a look of determination in his eye.

"Sir, if I see proper, I can shoot you down in your tracks. I really ought to do so on general principles. You have broken into my

house and should be treated as a common burglar."

The Baron at first did not take this view of the matter. He said: "Count, I did not come to burgle anything."

"What else are you but a robber?" retorted the Count; "you broke into my house, to carry off my daughter, or rather her money. If you don't comply with my wishes, I will blow out your brains!" and the Count leveled the pistol, closed one eye and pressed lightly on the trigger.

"What you suggest I will do cheerfully," said the Baron, his legs vibrating with remorse, his complexion assuming the palest color peculiar to a piece of Swiss cheese.

"You must leave this town on the next train, and you must preserve a rippling distance between me and yourself from now on. I will lend you 30,000 marks without security, to pay your expenses," said the Count.

The Baron tried to say something, but the Count motioned to him with his pistol to resume his silence.

"The money is in that desk; take it," said the Count, sternly.

Alfred intimated that he would rather not, but once more the Count drew a bead on him, and he changed his mind.

"But the desk is locked," said the Baron.

"Break it open or I'll fire, exclaimed the Count, pressing his finger carelessly on the trigger.

Alfred broke open the desk.

"Now," said the Count, "have you anything with your name on it by which you could be identified?"

"My pocket book is full of unpaid bills, but why do you ask?" asked Alfred.

"It is none of your business. Drop it on the floor near the desk which you have just broken open. Why should I do that?" asked the Baron.

"I want evidence that you have burglarized my premises. I propose to brand you publicly as a robber. I will give you time to get out of town, and I shall make affidavits against you for burglary. Now stuff that money in your pocket and begone."

Alfred complied with the Count's request, and fled the city by the nine o'clock train. Next morning Count Janos made affidavits against Alfred von Falkenstein charging him with burglary, of which he pointed out to the officers the broken desk and the pocketbook full of unpaid bills which settled the question as to the high social standing of the burglar.

As long as the Baron had merely borrowed money without any intention of paying it back, he was regarded in polite society as a gentleman, but as soon as he broke into a desk his social status ruptured. The Baron is still missed from his favorite haunts. He fled the country.

It was not long before Helena began to entertain doubts about the Baron being really a gentleman. With some assistance from her cousin who was a fine looking captain in the Austrian army, she forgot all about the Baron, and shortly afterwards she married the captain.

The Baron fled to Texas, became naturalized, changed his name, and is now looked upon as one of the most expert poker players in the Texas legislature.

WAR IN KENTUCKY.

An Alarming State of Affairs in the Mountain Regions.

LOUISVILLE, June 26.—A gentleman just returned from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky says: An alarming condition of affairs exists in that section of the State. No less than four armed bands are hunting each other like wild beasts over the mountains. Last week Tall Hall, a desperado, and one of his followers named Johnson, shot and killed Frank Sayer in his own doorway, because he objected to Hall's intimacy with his (Sayer's) wife. At the coroner's inquest Hall, the murderer, took exception to the selection of Claiborne Jones as a juryman. Jones resented this, and the two got their friends and fought in an open place. The two Hall faction were killed and several wounded.

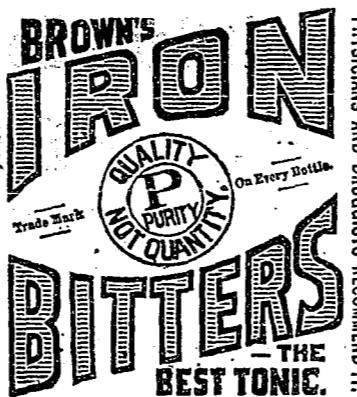
The gentleman reports that in Letcher county during the session of the court, June 6th, Lincoln Banks, a noted desperado, was shot and killed by James Frazier, a merchant of Whitesburg, Ky. Banks with his drunken gang was trying to take possession of Frazier's store, when he was killed. John and Dick Gross waylaid and shot George Burkhardt, their brother-in-law, last October. The intended victim recovered, and meeting John Gross last Wednesday shot and killed him. All of the above desperados are still at large and ready and ambitious for blood.

Mr. Woolsey Martin, son of Conzeusman J. M. Martin, and Miss Eddie Bozeman were married in Tuscaloosa last week.

Calling President Cleveland "two hundred pounds of ball beef" is it has been officially decided, insufficient evidence of active participation to warrant the removal of a Republican official.

The Rev. Dr. Spurgeon, the great London Baptist preacher, has recently discovered that London is "more putrid" with immorality and vice in high places than ever was Sodom or Gomorrah.

He that thinks himself the happiest man really is so; but he that thinks himself the wisest is generally the greatest fool.



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May 31-7m

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Present their compliments to the public and beg leave to assure them that they have now on hand the largest lot of

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ever kept by them, which they propose to sell at bottom prices. They have also in stock an excellent line of Ladies Dress Goods, Cashmere, Brocades, etc., which they propose selling very low also a general line of

Family Groceries

always on hand at lowest possible prices. They propose to sell to suit the times, and will be underpaid by no one. The public is respectfully invited to call and see if their representations are not correct.

May 31-7m

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Mr. J. W. Gilley has charge and will take pleasure in serving his friends and the public generally.

In the rear of store elegant pool parlor presided over by the genial Charlie Brady.

May 31-7m

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AND

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The Alabama Mineral Land Company now offer for sale its lands in the counties of Cherokee, Etowah, Calhoun, Cleburne, St. Clair, Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Bibb, Shelby, Coosa, Perry, Chilton, Autauga and Dallas. These lands which formerly belonged to the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad Company, and popularly known as the "Railroad Lands." They comprise GOOD FARMING LANDS, FINE LANDS OF TIMBER, COAL LANDS, IRON ORE LANDS, SLATE, KAOLIN, and OTHER MINERAL LANDS.

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News from Surrounding Counties.

TALLADEGA COUNTY.
The Talladega Watchtower of last week says: "Gen. W. H. Forney of Jacksonville, our highly esteemed and honored Representative in Congress, arrived in the city yesterday, and will remain several days with us. He is attending court."

Mr. Lem McMillan of Talladega has moved to Atlanta.

Col. John W. Bishop, has been appointed one of the Trustees of the A. & M. College at Auburn. A good appointment.

Mrs. M. M. Sisson died near Lincoln Sunday the 28th ult., after an illness of only one day.

A railroad is being built from the Bowie marble quarry to the A. & A. R. R. in Talladega county. When the road is completed the marble quarry will be worked largely.

Mr. James E. Bielle and Miss Lou Davie of Talladega county married recently.

The Home says: "The most encouraging news for a fine crop this year comes from all over the country, and the farmers say that if the rain continues two weeks longer the best crop ever raised in the county will be gathered this fall."

The residence of J. W. Kirkpatrick in Talladega was totally destroyed by fire July 4th. Loss \$2,500. Insurance \$1,000.

The Circuit Court at Talladega sentenced eight or ten persons to its penitentiary last week. The criminal docket has been continued through this week.

The gold excitement continues in Talladega and several large sales were made last week.

ETOWAH COUNTY.

Gadsden baseballists "cleaned up" both Birmingham and Chattanooga last week.

Mr. G. P. Watkins of Arkansas and Miss Annie S. Ashley, of Etowah county were married recently.

Col. S. H. Lockett, of New York, who is chief engineer of the Gadsden water works, had charge of the college in Jacksonville, assisted by others of the faculty of the Louisiana University some years ago. From Jacksonville he went to Knoxville and from there to New York. He served directly after the war under the Khedive of Egypt with other Confederate officers. He is a most cultivated and excellent gentleman and Gadsden is fortunate in securing him for the work in hand.

The salary of the postmaster at Gadsden, under late revision, has been reduced from \$1200 to \$1200 a year.

A water spout struck between Berry's farm and Greenwood in Etowah county last week and did considerable damage to crops.

Gadsden is enforcing her vagrant law and idle negroes on the streets are scarcer.

Mr. A. L. Griffin of Etowah county died in Florida, whether he had gone with the hope of being benefitted.

Mrs. Mary Phillips, wife of Mr. Wm. R. Phillips died in Gadsden the 29th ult. She was the daughter of Mrs. O. W. Ward.

Mr. Wm. Acker of Gadsden and Mrs. W. P. Prickett and two children were knocked down by lightning at Mrs. Y. house on Canoe creek a few days ago. Nobody hurt.

L. M. Terrell, Supt., writes to the Gadsden News that he thinks the post office department will establish a daily mail route between Duke Station and Gadsden.

CHEROKEE COUNTY.

The planing mill at Centre is to be extended to a buggy and wagon manufactory.

Amberson has Novelty and Machine works.

Mr. J. V. Sutherlin, aged 70 years died at his home near Cedar Bluff the 20th ult.

H. B. Jones of Cherokee county cleared up a piece of land and fenced it since the first of January, planted it and has one of the best cotton crops on it in the county. He makes no bones of work.

Cherokee Annual Sunday School Convention meets at Liberty church, near Amberson, the 30th of July.

A rabid dog bit a cat at old man Redmond's near Centre last week, and the cat afterwards showed signs of hydrophobia and scratched one of Redmond's sons and bit his oldest daughter. The cat then went to a neighboring house and bit another lady. Kill all the worthless dogs and keep the balance confined to the premises.

A contract was recently let to build a fence around Centre cemetery, but as it did not specify gates the accommodating mechanic left these out and now the people of Centre have to climb over the fence to get into the cemetery.

The Masonic celebration at Centre was a grand success and Col. B. F. Pope delivered a fine address. The Amberson brass band furnished the music.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.

Bro. Varrugh of the Edwardsville Standard is smacking his lips over blackberry pies.

Flux at Edwardsville.

Circuit Court commences in Cleburne Aug. 3rd.

A dozen cases of sickness reported by the last Standard in Edwardsville.

Work has commenced on the new depot in Edwardsville.

The Postmaster General refuses to change the name of the post office at Heflin to Cleveland, as there are already too many post offices of that name. When you write to Cleveland, Ala., you must address it Heflin, Ala.

Wm. Barnwell, was thrown from his ox wagon near Edwardsville some days ago and badly hurt.

Mrs. John Webb of Edwardsville died Tuesday morning. She was quite old, and had been nearly blind for some time.

An infant child of Mrs. J. W. Edwards died last week at Edwardsville.

A very hard rain fell east of the Tallapoosa River in Cleburne a few days ago and washed the land badly.

The Examination exercises of Edwardsville High School went off in a highly satisfactory manner. It is rumored that Heflin is to have a newspaper soon.

Heflin confidently expects to double her cotton receipts this year.

Capt. Quinn got up the local matter for the Edwardsville Standard last week and he "rattled them up lively."

ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

The young men of Ashville will organize a literary, social and debating society.

The honey crop of St. Clair will be fair this year.

The Trout Creek correspondent of the *Ageis* says:

"Mr. Horne, superintendent of the Coosa Coal and Coke Co., is opening up a new mine at this point. He is engaged on the trestle work and has a side track already completed to the mine."

Mr. Horne proposes to raise 100 tons of coal per day in fifteen days.

He is a young man of untiring energy and what he proposes to do he usually accomplishes.

Messrs. Larrimer and Sample are raising coal at the Kershaw mine. They have been engaged in cleaning out the old shafts which the government during the war and are now ready to raise coal from this point, as well as the new place they have been operating.

They are shipping one car load per day, but will soon increase their shipments.

The *Ageis* says: St. Clair county is on the high road to prosperity. How few seem to realize it. People look blue when they should feel happy with the bright prospect in the outlook before them.

W. T. McCall of St. Clair county has received a patent for blasting timber.

A Dishonest Postmaster.

CHATTANOOGA TIMES. July 3.—James Lewis, postmaster at Robbins Roads, Ala., was arrested yesterday by Postoffice Inspector Baird, of Chattanooga, for filing registered letters. His deficit is considerable.

STATE NEWS.

A negro boy and a white boy were wrestling at a saw-mill in Tuscaloosa county some days ago, when the white boy fell in front of the saw and was cut in two, killing him instantly.

A. A. Mabson, Receiver of Public money at Montgomery, has resigned and his successor will doubtless be appointed at once.

William Corines, a negro killed Charlie Dunklin, another negro near Gordonsville, in Lowndes county the 28th ult.

The Florence *Gazette* says: "A sad accident occurred on Monday morning, in the northern part of this county, near Anderson creek, in the Rodgersville beat, by which a good citizen was almost instantly killed. Mr. Jas. H. Romine, with some parties, had found and cut down a tree, which in falling lodged. He hurried to it with a gun, when the tree, becoming loosened by some means, was caught between the tree and gun and terribly mashed about the breast and head. He was about thirty years old and leaves a wife and several children."

The Elmore *Express* says: "The mail carrier from Dadeville to this city informs our postmaster, Mr. L. F. Townsend, that on Tuesday, the 16th instant, a mad dog bit a little son of Mr. Ware at or near Dadeville, in three places, one place on the hand very severely. On Friday night following the child was suffering smartly, complaining of pain in the shoulder. The best physicians of the place were called in and thought they could relieve or cure the child."

The Alabama State Baptist Convention meets at Tuskegee on Friday before the third Sunday in July.

Mrs. Henderson was recently drowned in the Tallapoosa river near her house.

Chambers county will have her election on prohibition or no prohibition on or near the second Tuesday in August. Messrs. Geo. E. Brewer, Jr. R. McCoy and W. R. Kirk have been chosen to conduct the canvas for prohibition.

It is beginning to look as if the Clinton hot well is a fraud. It is charged that it is heated with a steam jet.

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A soiled dove attempted suicide in Birmingham a few days ago, by taking laudanum. Her life was saved by a physician.

John Williams, the son of a druggist in Birmingham was arrested and fined a few days ago for walking the streets with a disreputable woman. His father refused to pay the fine and the young fellow took poison and tried to kill himself. He was saved from death by the prompt administration of an antidote.

The papers have now fairly got

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GENERAL NEWS.

GALESBURG, ILL., June 2.—A sensational double suicide occurred at Gilson yesterday, the victims being Melissa Staples, a well known school teacher, and her affianced, Edward Sutherland. The two had been for a long time engaged, and the date had been set several times, but when the time came Sutherland's circumstances were such that the event was postponed. Her family strenuously objected to his suit. Tuesday he refused to marry her. That evening she bought rat poison, afterwards exchanging it for arsenic. She then took a dose of the latter and died.

"If I wanted to get to Heaven I would not go into the money-lending business. There are three things I would not do. I would not keep a livery stable, I would not run a saw mill, and I would not lend money. They are mighty risky. I mean by Georgia, they may be all right here in Texas. These are three classes it is going to be mighty hard to keep straight in this world. It just takes a world of religion to save every one of these three. I have tried two of them and I told a doctor once if heaven was a sickly country I

should not go there. I am a serious minded man. In order that the hopes be fully realized every member of the party in power should yield a cordial support to all efforts on the part of the administration to restore a pure, free and just government.

The Ohio State prohibition convention yesterday nominated Rev. A. B. Leford for Governor.

Hon. H. A. Herbert has obtained a fair position in the Treasury Department at Washington for Oliver Marks, a good colored Democrat of this county. It will not be long before the negroes will be entirely convinced that the Democrats are their best friends. The fact has existed for years.—*Montgomery Advertiser*.

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A charivari party visited the residence of a young man named Nettleton at Pawpaw, Ill. He shot at them, killing one man and wounding others. Nettleton is in jail in the adjoining county.

He does not like men of any class who drink. He recognizes their right to do so, however. He says:

"I would rather associate with a hog than with a man who drinks whisky. Now you can take the

poorest hog in Texas and bring him in here and pour a pint of liquor down him, and as soon as he gets sober he will bid you good-bye, and you can never get him here any more. These two-legged hogs will drink the year round, and you cannot run them off. If you are going to be a hog you had better get the hair and tail, too. I don't want to interfere with a man's right to be a hog. I tell you it is lawful. Ain't it? I don't blame men for standing up for their rights. You have got a right to be a hog."

Typhoid Fever.

I am sixty-seven years old, and have lived in this (Hall) county all my life. Up to twenty-eight years ago I was regarded as the strongest man in the neighborhood—the most robust in health. In November, 1856, I had a long and serious spell of typhoid fever. It left me emaciated and a cripple in my right leg. At times that limb was swollen an enormous size, being twice as large as its natural condition, and inflamed and angry in appearance. From my knee down small sores came, and at the ankle a large ulcer came, which discharged poisonous matter. My whole system became infected. The doctors would patch me up for awhile, but the ulcer would never heal. The mercury and potash with which they dosed me brought on rheumatism and dyspepsia. I was an object of pity to all my friends. Some thought that the only hope to save life was amputation. I continued to grow worse, and for three years I have not worn a shoe. Hope had almost left me. Swift's Specific was suggested, and I commenced its use at once. From the very first I began to feel better. I have taken thirty-six bottles, and the shadows which had darkened my life for twenty-eight years have been dissipated. The effect of the medicine has been wonderful indeed. To-day I am able to attend to all my farming interests, and walk from one to five miles per day. I am satisfied that the disease is entirely broken up, and henceforth I am to be free from those terrible apprehensions and sufferings which formerly made my life miserable. Swift's Specific has done more for me in one year than all the drug store medicine prescribed by physicians did in twenty-eight years, and I most cheerfully bear this testimony of its merits.

W. M. R. Reed.

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 28, 1855.

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.

The Sweet Specific Co., Drawer 3, Atlanta Ga.

Verdict of Mississippi Murderer.

OXFORD, ALA., July 4.—[Special.]—J. C. Miller, alias Williams, colored, an escaped criminal from Hindsburg, Mississippi, was arrested by our efficient bailiff, W. T. Knighton, two miles beyond Alexandria, in this county, and brought to this place, where he is now confined. The sheriff in Mississippi

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COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Called From Our County Exchanges and From Letters of Correspondents in Various Parts of the County.

CROSS PLAINS.

The Post, speaking of the newly elected member of the faculty of the State Normal School here, says:

In the election of Mr. C. B. Gibson, of Mobile, the Board of Directors have displayed most excellent wisdom. By personal experience, we know Mr. Gibson to be an agreeable Christian gentleman of the highest intellectual type. His cultured mind and refined social qualities will be brilliant ornaments both to the State Normal School and the polished society of our sister city. Our highly esteemed young friend is rather modest, in our opinion; but when his intellectual attainments, moral worth and devotion to duty are weighed in the balance, there is nothing found wanting.

Our correspondent Jot sends us the following from Cross Plains:

This section was blessed with a refreshing rain last Monday which came in time to save drooping vegetation. Every thing looks fresh again and we are happy.

The farmers around Cross Plains report the crops looking well and growing off nicely. The pretty weather of the last two or three weeks has enabled them to get "out of the grass," and if there are seasonable rains during this month, there will be a bountiful yield.

Our town is suffering with a protracted spell of dullness; but it is consoling to know that all our sister towns are "down with the same complaint." However, building continues to go on, and the sound of the saw and hammer can be heard all through the day. We are bound to grow a little all the time.

Base ball is now engaging a very large part of the time of our young men. I think we will yet turn out some champion players. It is probable that our club will challenge some of the other clubs in the county before a good while.

Just at this time a good many of our merchants are deeply interested in the highly scientific game of chess which is indulged in from morning till night, without any intermission. If practice makes perfect we will have some champion chess players soon.

Watermelons come in every day but poor folks are cut off from indulging in this peculiar southern luxury, on account of the exorbitant figures at which they are sold. We can console ourselves, however, for they are bound to get cheaper after awhile.

The friends of your able and influential journal, up here, are loud in their praises of the manner in which it is being conducted. It is now, by far, the newest and most interesting paper received at our office. It is gratifying to see the old-time honored REPUBLICAN growing brighter and fresher as it grows older. May its sphere of usefulness continue to widen, and may the Editor's "shadow never grow less," is the wish of many friends.

ANNISTON.

The Anniston Watchman says: Mr. George S. Klein, a practical miller who has been in the city since the Wood-tock Iron Company's mills were built, has leased the old Stevenson water mill, two miles south of Jacksonville. This mill is being thoroughly over-hauled and repaired and will be ready for work in a few weeks. Mr. Klein will go there with his family next week to overlook the work and see that everything is put in order. George is a native Calhoun county boy. He has been in the employ of the W. I. C. nearly ever since it was incorporated. He stands as well in this city as any man ever did. His name in connection with Stevenson's mills as manager is a sufficient guarantee with all who know the turnout he will make for his patrons. He is a son-in-law of the late Benj. R. Turner, of Jacksonville, one of the best soldiers that old Calhoun furnished in the late war, and a nephew of D. C. Turner, well known in the neighborhood of the mill. We hope the people contiguously located will patronize Mr. Klein, as he is a worthy and deserving young man.

Mr. Maddox, the man reported to have sold the whiskey to Endrkin and Leatherwood, which caused the difficulty that resulted in the death of Leatherwood, has denied to the Watchman that he sold them any whiskey.

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on the increase. A branch road will be built from Oxford to the Ga. Pacific depot.

The next meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held in Anniston.

The Fourth of July Barbecue in Anniston is reported by the Watchman to have been a success.

Scott, who came near losing his life from the caving in of an ore bank, while seriously hurt, will recover.

The Hot Blast says: Mr. Wilson, the manager of Col. Crook's Jersey farm has been making a test of some fine Jerseys. The test was made while the cows were fed only on grass. The following is the result: Ruby of Springfield yielded 14 pounds and 8 ozs. of butter in one week; Olive Branch of Hillcrest yielded 15 pounds and 2 ounces of butter in one week. This is a fine record for cows fed on grass, and they promise greater things when fed on rich food. Col. Crook has as fine strains of butter making Jersey cows as can be found in the South.

Our Anniston correspondent, Sam X, says: Anniston has not been able to realize much of a boom yet. We keep hearing it is coming and we shall keep looking for it and expect to have a good time when it does come.

Quite a number of farmers on our streets every day. All of them bring something to sell and sell anything they bring.

Dr. J. Y. Nisbet of Jacksonville, one of the most highly respected physicians of the county, was in the city last Monday attending the meeting of the Medical Society. Dr. John Rowan, formerly of Jacksonville, now of New York, was in the city last Monday.

T. W. Ayers sold his business to Mabbett & Mathews. He will devote the summer to the study of medicine and go to college this fall and winter.

The so-called "blind tigers" have played out in Anniston.

Mr. W. H. Williams is improving his real estate.

One of our old Calhoun boys here was elected marshal of Anniston this week, George Bowling. George is little, but he is on him.

It is said that several merchants will do a furnishing business here next year to farmers, so as to make money and control cotton.

We learn there are four or five candidates in the field for the office of probate judge. It takes good stock to hold out to run a year.

JENKINS.

Our Jenkins correspondent says: J. C. Watson & Co., who have been running a traveling thresher, pronounce the wheat crop short.

We have no base ball club to interest the Sly Coons of Jacksonville, but if they will come over with good, home apiece, our boys could hold them a tight game of grass killing in some of our cotton fields.

We see a great many names mentioned for our next Governor. Jenkins has not put forth her man yet. Our folks are not having much to do with politics just now, as it keeps us too busy to keep off other kind.

Mrs. Inez Watson has gone on a visit to her father in Georgia.

Mrs. Belle Andrews has been very sick but is convalescent.

Rev. Mr. Baker, of White Plains, preached an edifying sermon at Jenkins academy the 23rd ult.

RABBIT TOWN.

Our Rabbit Town correspondent says: Some of the farmers hereabouts engaged in a desperate fight with Gen. Green and almost ready to despair, while others have their crops in splendid condition. Crops that have been well worked are looking fine. There has been some excitement about mad dogs recently, which caused several worthless curs to bid adieu to this world.

ABELIA.

Our Adelia correspondent says: Messrs. Lively and Trammell have been in our community threshing wheat and oats. Wheat sorry. Oats tolerable. Corn and cotton fine. Health of the community good. Preaching at the Baptist church every third Sunday and Saturday before, by Rev. D. C. Robnett and at Asbury Methodist church every fourth Sunday and Saturday before, by Rev. Mr. Montgomery. Esquires Dale and Lively hold their court at Green's school house first Saturday in each month. H. T. Persons was up with us a day or two last week. We are always glad to see him.

ONATCHIE.

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Last Saturday (it being the Glorious Fourth) Mr. Ott Smith donned his best suit and took passage on the East-bound train for Atlanta, but for some cause changed his mind when he reached the Junction and ran down to Anniston where he says he took in the barbecue, bran dance and city generally. Some bold thief took advantage of his absence and broke into his store and took about \$150 or \$200 worth of goods and \$12 or \$15 in money. No trace of the thief yet. The robbery had evidently been planned some time. The robber knew where the most valuable goods were and took none but the best. Mrs. S. was looking after the store while her husband was absent and the time that elapsed after she left the store and the boy went to the store to sleep and found it burglarized could not have been more than three quarters of an hour.

Health of this community good.

Col. J. C. Archer is suffering with a paralytic stroke.

DAVISVILLE.

We are in the grass. Cotton small. Corn looking well.

This is becoming an important ore-shipping point. From fifty to eighty tons are shipped from here now daily, and Mr. W. A. Scarbrough is preparing to ship ore. It is well known he owns very extensive and valuable iron deposits.

Health of this community good.

BYNUM.

Our Bynum correspondent says: We had a very sudden death near here the night of the 5th. Mrs. Payne, wife of Charley Payne was as well, apparently, as she had ever been up to about 10 o'clock when she suddenly grew sick and quickly died.

We have nice rains and crops are looking well. Wheat nearly all threshed—ordinarily good crop.

General health of the community very good—one case of measles in Mr. J. W. Anderson's family.

Money scarce and provisions cheap.

DURKIN.

We have a splendid school in progress now, conducted by Mr. Mayfield; also a debating club and Sabbath School. There will be a grand picnic at Sulphur Springs the 18th. Drs. Skelton and Swords of Anniston were among our people lately doing dental work.

CIOCCOLOCO.

Messrs. Downing and Morris will soon move their new roller process machinery into their mill.

Mr. Wm. Hughes has the finest corn prospect we have seen. He has 140 acres of Choctawhatchie bottom in corn and will make 4,000 bushels.

The aged father of Mr. W. H. Stroud of this place, recently died in Georgia.

Mr. Thornton B. Jordon has recently moved to this place.

The Brick Co., of this place has just made a successful burn of \$0,000 brick.

Prof. Willie G. Milligan and wife are visiting here.

Messrs. J. F. Davis & Sons' portable thresher broke down a few days ago and had to send to the manufacturer for extras. Will be in the fields again in a few days.

GARRETT'S CHAPEL.

Crops look well. We are nearly out of grass. It is raining now (the 8th.) Parson Garrett preached at the chapel last Sabbath at 11 o'clock with eloquence and power. It made me think of the sermons of 50 years ago. It was felt by every one and when Parson J. W. Carroll concluded there were very few dry eyes in the house. The whole audience met Parson Garrett on the floor with their right hands and the promise to meet him in a better land than this.

Parson Brown preached at the chapel at 3 o'clock the same evening with eloquence. He is a Northern Methodist preacher we borrowed from DeArmanyville.

OTTERY.

Some sickness in our neighborhood, mostly flux. Mr. Berry Gray's child died on the 5th with it and he has three others sick. Miss Van Putman is quite sick, also Mrs. L. P. Howell.

Farmers here are mostly cheerful; plenty of rain and we have at last got the upper hand of General Green. Cotton has a fine color, though small for the time of year.

Preaching at Ten Islands church every fourth Sunday by Rev. R. A. Trotter.

S. Griffin has completed and moved into his elegant house.

The picnic at Cochran's Springs on the 4th was quite a pleasant affair.

PEERS HILL.

The third Quarterly Conference for the Ochatchie circuit was held last Saturday and Sunday. It was a very interesting meeting. Rev. J. T. Morris preached three fine sermons, which the people will remember for some time to come.

Mr. Berry Gray lost a little child Sunday from flux. He has two other children sick that are not expected to live. The disease is raging at a fearful rate, I hear, down on the river.

Crops are looking well. We had fine rain the night of the 6th, which was much needed.

Rev. Thos. Read preached at Hebron last Sunday and, as he generally does, he preached with pitch and power.

We had a considerable storm here Monday.

A. WOODS.

Judge of Probate.

A Important Discovery.

The most important Discovery is that which brings the most good to the greatest number. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, will preserve the health and save life, and is a priceless boon to the afflicted. Not only does it positively cure Consumption, but Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hoarseness, and all afflictions of the Throat, Chest, and Lungs, yield at once to its wonderful curative powers. If you doubt this, get Trial Bottle Free, at Wm. M. Nisbet Drug store, No. 5.

Mrs. Xelie Kent.

Wellington, Lorain county, O., writes: Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co., Columbus, O., Gentlemen: I have been a great sufferer from chronic catarrh, bronchitis and neuralgia of the face. I have been taking your PLATINA for one month. The neuralgia and catarrh is almost well, and the cough is much better. Take your PLATINA very much."

C. E. Dupler, aged thirty-four years, of Equality, Illinois, was recently affected with a chronic catarrh, which he first discovered six years ago. In succession he lost his taste and hearing. The disease was so malignant that it not only attacked the softer parts, but destroyed the bony partition of the nose and seriously affected the external parts. He could only hear a watch ticking by holding it close to his ear. He suffered intense pain in the nose, from which green, dry, clots of offensive odor fell. In this condition he presented himself to Dr. Hartman several months ago. He can now hear a watch eight inches from his right and six inches from his left ear. His taste and smell are again returning, and the external parts are again healthy. Take your PLATINA. For many patients it has left a physician's office than a doctor's.

Cramps of the Stomach.

We have the privilege of reporting the following case. Those similarly affected can get the name and address of Dr. Hartman. The lady does not want her name in the papers. For a year, or years, (the writer does not remember the length of time,) this lady had cramps, the most painful of the stomach, every day and night, "which would be followed by that terrible weakness, which was something wonderful." The suffering and distress of this lady was indescribable and almost unbearable. After all the physicians had failed, and all hope had gone, Dr. Hartman was consulted, and on the first day of taking his PLATINA, the cramps were all bad, feeling left-ear, and now for over a month has been entirely free from every symptom.

PLATINA not prescribed for me long ago."

July 27-28.

Tan Bark!

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500 CORDS OF TAN BARK

AT THE
Germania Tannery.

Mountain, Black and Red Oak, for which the highest market price will be paid.

IN CASH.

Germania, Ala., March 21, 1885.

SHERIFF' SALE.

By virtue of one fi. fa. issued from the Circuit Court of Calhoun county, Alabama, on the 6th day of March, 1885, in favor of W. F. Mitchell, and before the court house door of said county in the town of Jacksonville, Ala., within the legal hours of sale on Monday 27th day of July 1885, the following described real estate to wit:

Northwest quarter of Northeast Section, 35 T. 16 R. 7, Southeast quarter of Northeast Section, 35 T. 16 R. 7, Northwest quarter of Southeast Section, 36 T. 16 R. 7.

One vacant lot in the town of Oxford, bounded on the North by Choccolocco street, on the East by Dr. C. H. Hilt's lot, on the South by Dr. T. C. Hilt's lot, on the West by M. H. Fowlers lot, also one store house and lot in the town of Oxanna, Block 4 Division 1 lot No. 7, 271 feet front, and running back 125 feet. One vacant lot in the town of Oxanna, Block 5 Division 1, lot No. 12, 30 feet front, running back 125 feet and in Calhoun county, State of Alabama, levied upon as the property of the Defendant, M. W. Woodruff, Sheriff.

June 27-28.

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ANNISTON, ALA.

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COOSA VALLEY DISTRICT.

News from Surrounding Counties.

CLEBURNE COUNTY.

Mad dogs have been playing havoc with stock on Shoal Creek. Heflin Base-ballists complain that the Davisville boys rung in some of the Jacksonville players on them in the recent game at Davisville.

A correspondent of the Edwardsville Standard has tried the black pepper remedy for cabbage worms and finds that the pepper has a tonic effect upon the worms and gives them an appetite to eat up the cabbage plant faster.

The Edmondson hotel at Heflin is being newly painted and furnished.

An infant child of R. B. Edwards of Edwardsville, a child of Thad Owens near Edwardsville, John Weathers of Arbaconee, aged 70 years, a child of Henry Bell near Brook Ford, a child of A. Hedrick, of Arbaconee, Mrs. John Holly of Shoal Creek and Mrs. Wm. R. Brown, all of Cleburne county, died last week.

The Standard reports not so much sickness in Edwardsville as there has been.

The Democratic Central Executive Committee of Cleburne county have recommended Prof. W. T. Noell for Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Lawler.

Shoal Creek had a Sunday school celebration the 24th.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

The Ashville Age's takes up State Examiner Lapsley's report on the A. & M. College and arrives at a conclusion not complimentary to the management of the college.

The Age's claims that the acts of lawlessness recently reported from Broken Arrow and other points in that county is committed by a floating population about the mines and public works, and not by the people of St. Clair county, and that the grand jury of the county will take proper steps to bring the offenders to justice.

The County Commissioners of St. Clair county have determined to build a new jail. They are progressive men.

Crop reports from all parts of St. Clair continue good. Corn is reported especially as in excellent condition.

Crops fair to good, and health very good about Greensport.

Several new houses going up at Ragland, and corn crops the finest ever known at this season. Ragland will soon be able to ship two hundred tons of coal daily.

The Coosa Coal & Coke company have built a railroad out to their shaft.

The St. Clair Coal company will be ready in a few days to raise coal and will ship from 75 to 100 tons daily.

TALLADEGA COUNTY.

Mr. Lafayette Fariss an old and substantial farmer of Talladega county died last week.

Clifton Iron company will increase its capital stock to \$500,000. A farmers club was organized at Childersburg the 10th inst.

Mr. James Hill of Cast Beat, died the 14th.

The Mountain Home says: Fine crop prospects and the farmers happy.

Shocco Springs has a large list of summer boarders.

Mr. J. H. Lawson is preparing to make several hundred thousand brick near Talladega. This shows a confidence in the revival of enterprise.

A member of one of the colored benevolent societies of Talladega is charged with misappropriation of society funds.

Jno. A. Edwards has moved from Shelby Iron Works to Talladega county and will erect a large saw mill on a tract of 3000 acres of land he has recently bought.

ETOWAH COUNTY.

The Gadsden Times wants Hon. Chas. P. Ball for Superintendent

of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad. No better man in all the country could be found for the position.

Attalla has a 2½ year old heifer, without a calf, that is giving half a gallon of milk daily.

The Times says: The crops in county are very promising. The prospect at this time for a good corn crop is better than it has been for several years.

There has been a falling off of taxable values in Etowah county this year of about \$147,000.

Judge Cobb is presiding over the Etowah Circuit court which began last Monday, Judge Aiken being incompetent in most of the civil cases because of his connection with them as counsel.

A new semi-weekly mail route has been established from Gadsden to Ashville.

There are about 400 cases on the civil and 300 cases on the criminal docket of Etowah county.

Nelson Tucker has been carried to Birmingham for running an illicit distillery.

Messrs. Hershman & Lowenthal of Huntsville are about to go into the dry goods business in Gadsden.

United States Deputy Marshals raided an illicit distillery in Owl's Valley and destroyed the still.

The house and most of the furniture of Mr. Joe Barker of Gadsden was burned a few nights ago.

Mr. W. H. Appleman and Mrs. Mattie Smith of Gadsden were married the 12th inst.

Ned Keeling an old negro man was found dead in Gadsden a few nights ago. Heart disease.

The Gadsden correspondent of the Montgomery Advertiser says:

On the 23d of last month parties from New Castle, Pa., St. Louis, Mo., Terre Haute, Ind., and this place, filed their declaration of incorporation in the probate office, and they have been incorporated under the name of the "Gadsden Iron Company," with a capital stock of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and twenty-five thousand of that has been paid in. The object of the company is to manufacture iron, steel, lumber, coke, etc., in the counties of Etowah, St. Clair, Cherokee, Calhoun, DeKalb, Marshall and Blount. The Coosa Furnace Company here is under the company that will control the Gadsden Iron Company. This is certainly a strong company as it has three of the noted wealthy Crawfords of Terre Haute, Ind. I have been informed that the company will build a railroad up the falls on Lookout Mountain for the purpose of opening new mines and improving some landed interest they own on the mountain.

CHEROKEE COUNTY.

Mr. Allie McGhee of Centre was married to Miss Southerland of Cave Springs a few days ago.

The Centre Institute opened with over fifty pupils.

The Cherokee county Sunday school Association (it is well to say again) meets at Liberty, near Amberson, the 30th of July.

W. H. Burton, county Superintendent of Cherokee, will make final settlement with teachers of public schools October 9th and 10th.

Col. H. C. Sanford of Cherokee (old Shanghai) is now 75 years old and still hale and hearty.

Mr. A. J. Lassotus or Lassiter while plowing in his field near Cedar Bluff the 18th was attracted to an old field by a foul scent. He found a newly dug grave and on opening it to the depth of a few inches unearthed the body of an unknown man. The matter is threaded in mystery. Who did the murderer, and who was the murdered man?

Under a recent act of the State legislature, parties convicted of crimes which are merely forbidden by law, and not of themselves involving moral turpitude, cannot be sent to the coal mines or required to labor on railroads. Among the offenders who are relieved from coal mines and railroad labor by this law, are card players and those convicted of carrying concealed weapons. These cannot be sent to the coal mines.

Wesley Posey the Birmingham negro who committed a rape and was saved by the State military from the mob, who was tried and condemned to death, but who was given a change of venue and a new trial by the Supreme Court, and who was in Birmingham jail awaiting trial, solved the difficulty the other day by dying.

Mr. O'Connor, who resides in the suburbs of Montgomery, hitched a horse to a rake. The horse became frightened and ran off, throwing the rake against Mr. O'Connor's leg, and one of the

STATE NEWS.

Ex-Probate Judge Kyle and Mrs. Minerva N. Russell of Scottsboro were married the 15th.

Farmers of Tuscaloosa county are engaging corn at 50 cents a bushel.

Col. N. N. Clements of Tuscaloosa has been appointed Brigadier General of state troops.

Mr. S. C. Freeman's house in Jackson county, was struck by lightning a few days ago. Nobody hurt.

A negro man was instantly killed at Shelby Iron works one bank a few days ago by the bank caving in on him.

Lightning struck the Baptist church at Eno in Madison county a few days ago and knocked a little girl in the basement senseless.

Mrs. Saddelfield and infant were thrown out of an ox cart in Cullman county, one day recently.

The infant was instantly killed, and the mother fatally injured.

At a railroad meeting held recently in Winston county a young lady was elected to preside, and made a stirring speech in favor of internal improvements.

An Alabamian, J. M. Wright, a former member of the Legislature of Russell county, has been appointed chief of one of the departments of the United States Treasury, at Washington.

A little son of David Shelton near Larkinsville, Jackson county, while out hunting recently accidentally discharged his rifle, and killed a little cousin of his who was with him.

Rev. J. H. Bryson has purchased the literary library of the late Gov. Lewis and presented it to the Young Men's Christian Association of Huntsville.

The most encouraging news for a fine crop this year comes from all over the country, and the farmers say that if the rain continues two weeks longer the best crop ever raised in the country will be gathered this fall.—*Shelby Chronicle*.

Mrs. Julia Martin, wife of E. B. Martin of Selma and daughter of John Glasscock of Tuscaloosa, died in San Marcos, Tex., July 13th.

An old negroman, 77 years old, gets \$10 a month for carrying the mail from the depot to Carthage, one mile, and the Tuscaloosa Gazette hopes he may continue to hold the contract.

The people of Walker county laid the corner stone of their new courthouse some days ago, putting in Confederate money, verses and other things for the eye of future generations.

Jim Hubbard, a notorious negro thief of Montgomery, shot and dangerously wounded Mr. John Cunningham of that city. He was stealing Cunningham's chickens and was about to be caught. At last account he was at large.

W. D. Ford of the Montgomery Gray's got into a difficulty with a rough in Philadelphia, during the inter-state drill, and has been detained in Philadelphia for trial.

There are in Alabama 1,400 post offices divided as follows: Four offices of the second class; 16 of the third class; 20 presidential offices; 1,389 offices of the fourth class. There are 90 regular money order offices in the State.

Mr. Robt. Mason, living a few miles northeast of Livingston, gathered and tied up a rattle-snake in a bundle of oats, before discovering its presence. It had seven rattles and a button. He is to be congratulated on his narrow escape.

An escaped convict was captured this week near Union Springs by Deputy Gillis. The negro hid in his wife's trunk, and the deputy, coming in, happened to seat himself on the trunk, and in such a manner as to deprive the convict of air. Rather than suffocate, the negro gave himself away.

The passage of the ordinance by the city council of Oxford denying the right of appeal until the fine has been paid or sentence of May's court executed has well advertised that town. All the state and the country generally, including some of the religious press, are laughing at it.

Wesley Posey the Birmingham negro who committed a rape and was saved by the State military from the mob, who was tried and condemned to death, but who was given a change of venue and a new trial by the Supreme Court, and who was in Birmingham jail awaiting trial, solved the difficulty the other day by dying.

The Selma Times says: A party of sixteen Mormons, five men and eleven women, (nice and comfortable odds), passed through Washington a few days ago on their way to north Alabama.

The building of the new courthouse at Jasper has brought more negroes to the town than it has seen in a long while. Before the Georgia Pacific opened up the coal mines of that section a negro was a kind of rarity.

Brooks Thomas, colored, is a veteran of the Fourth Alabama Regiment. He was body servant to Mr. Bruce Thomas, of Selma, and was twice under fire during the war. On one occasion he volunteered to fight as a substitute for his young master.

Burruss Smith, a six months

old negro, was set on foot in the city of London by the Padi Mall Gazette. There is an exodus of the fair but frail from Chattanooga.

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The President has appointed Mr. R. R. Hundy postmaster at Talladega.

At this writing (Friday) Gen. Grant is probably dead. The press dispatches of Thursday reported him as dying and Thursday night a rumor flew along the wires that he was dead.

The Montgomery Advertiser is a handy paper to have about. One day it can praise one federal officer for distributing his patronage over the territory covered by his jurisdiction and the next day can with equal facility praise another officer for not doing it.

The President has appointed Col. A. H. Keller of Tuscaloosa, editor of the *North Alabamian*, to be United States Marshal for the Northern and Middle Division of Alabama.

Maj. Emmett Seibels, of Montgomery has been appointed to be a special agent of the Land Office.

The Montgomery Advertiser noting the REPUBLICAN's suggestion of Mr. Barron as fit successor of Maj. Phelan in event of the resignation of the latter says:

"The REPUBLICAN's recommendation of a successor is an eminent good one, and one which no doubt the state would cordially approve."

Maj. Hugh Carlisle has compromised his suit with the East Alabama Railroad and gets the railroad from Gadsden to Attala and three thousand dollars in money, the East Alabama Railroad paying all costs of the suit. There is now hope of the building of the Railroad from Jacksonville to Guntersville over the old road bed.

Madison county has an act of the Legislature authorizing the issue of two hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds for the purpose of building macadamized roads, if the people vote to have them in November.

It seems that the little road law got up for Madison county and to which Calhoun and Talladega were attached, was merely intended for neighborhood roads and alleys. The main highways of Madison county will be worked out properly under another and entirely different act.

The Penitentiary Inspectors report the health at Coalburg, where convicts are worked, as "very bad," and the mortality "very great." There have been sixteen deaths there in an average prison population of two hundred since March 1st to July 1st, a period of four months. This is a death rate of twenty-four per cent, which is fearful to think of. At this rate nearly one man out of every four sent there dies, and the whole lot are removed by death every four years and two months. The county convicts of Calhoun are sent to this coal mine, and our Commissioners court should look into the matter and make a change if necessary.

Of both state and county convicts 42 have died within the last four months, 15 being State convicts and 29 being county convicts. Among the county convicts who have died is Henry Lature, a mere lad, who was sent from this county.

It may be noted that the Selma Times, printed in the heart of the Black Belt, is not near so much hurt over what we have had to say of Mr. Booker as the Anniston *Hot Blast* is. What the *Hot Blast* has to do with it we fail to see. If the design is to provoke the REPUBLICAN to a controversy wherein the *Hot Blast* may play the role of defender of the Democracy of the Black Belt, it will fail of its purpose. We do not regard the *Hot Blast* as a proper exponent of the Democracy or competent to defend any sort of Democrats anywhere, unless it be that bastard sort which flies in the face of constituted party authority and by demagogic appeals to the masses seeks to ruin when it cannot rule. Our South Alabama friends, whatever may be their faults in other directions, are not that kind of Democrats.

If the design be only to push the declining circulation of the *Hot Blast* by a controversy with the REPUBLICAN generally, we must again ask to be excused. We have larger matters in hand now and the *Hot Blast* will have to nurse its little frazzled out question of country politics and make the most of that until we can find time to devote to it.

COLLECTOR BOOKER.

The Selma Times replies in good temper to what the REPUBLICAN lately had to say of Collector Booker's method of distributing his patronage and we reproduce his article in full in order that Mr. Booker may have the benefit thereof. The Times is right when it supposes we have no desire to do Mr. Booker an injustice. We do not know him personally and certainly bear him no ill will, and would not do him an intentional injustice if we did. He is no doubt a gentleman who will conduct the affairs of his office honestly and who has the best intentions in the world, and no paper in the State will be quicker to applaud him when praise is deserving than the REPUBLICAN; but he is a public officer and in that capacity we think he has made a mistake in the distribution of the patronage of the office he holds for the benefit of the people and we think his friends have been unfortunate in their explanation of his reasons therefore. That is all.

When a clamor was first raised over the appointment of all his deputies from the Fourth District we took no part in it, under the explanation given that such a course was necessary in order to enable him to make the very heavy bond required of him, but when it was reported to us from what we deemed an authentic source that the store keepers and guarantors of the service in this section were coming from the same quarter we thought the Collector exceedingly narrow in his idea of the fitness of things. We were misled in this matter of the guarantors and we give Mr. Booker the benefit of the correction.

But let us see how the matter stands with this correction made. The Montgomery Advertiser, which applauds United States Marshal Allen for distributing the patronage of his office over all the Districts of his division of the State and which says "it is but just and right that the patronage should be divided instead of being treated as the personal perquisite of the Marshal to be parcelled among his personal friends," comes to the relief of Mr. Booker and makes the following showing for him: Mr. Booker has the appointment of seventeen men. Of these eight are from the Fourth and nine from the balance of the State. These eight appointees get salaries amounting to \$8,500 while those from all other districts in the State get only \$4,194, and this "divide" the Advertiser thinks "looks fair enough."

But if Mr. Booker had given all the offices at his disposal to the Fourth District it was no great matter to make a fuss over and we do not know that we should have said anything but for the fact that one of our Middle Alabama contemporaries, in apologizing for Mr. Booker, set up for Democrats of that section a superior claim over Democrats elsewhere based on the services of the former during the dark and trying days of reconstruction. As a Democrat of the hill country we yield to no such claim.

We fully appreciate the condition of the people of the Fourth District and agree with the Times that the Legislature gave them hard lines in the redistricting of the State. We do not censure them for overturning the rule of the ignorant negro and infamous alien by any and all means. White men in this country must never rest under such a yoke as that, whatever be the consequences.

At that time, in dealing with such a condition of things, clean-handed measures, we knew, were not always available. The negro of the Black Belt and his infamous white partners in political rape were neither open to reason nor approachable by any of the avenues through which masses of people are ordinarily reached. There was not one single generous impulse in the whole mass of ignorance and corruption that could be appealed to. Only the cupidity of some, the fears of others and the ignorance of all were left to be utilized in the struggle of a noble race to avoid social death. If our friends seized upon any or all of these as means of escape and employed what would have been questionable methods as between intelligent and honorable suffragans of opposing parties, we have never blamed them. They had a right to use any means at hand under the first law of nature—law of self-preservation. It is nothing in the past that we object to; but we do object to the tendency to apotheosize the methods made necessary then and the attempt to set up for the Democrat who fought for social life in the Black Belt a claim superior to that of the Democrat of this section who voted the Democratic ticket not so much from necessity as from choice.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Called From our County Exchanges and From Letters of Correspondents in Various Parts of the County.

DEARMANVILLE.

A DeArmanville correspondent denies that they have any Northern Methodist preacher in that town.

Rev. Mr. Carroll of DeArmanville will start on a month's preaching tour through North Alabama shortly.

Some sickness in DeArmanville. Some of the Georgians who came to DeArmanville last fall have returned home.

Crops look well about DeArmanville.

DAVISVILLE.

Obadiah Brill was struck with paralysis Sunday morning. He has completely lost the use of his left side.

Wheat crop small but the grain good.

Butter scarce here.

Some old corn here yet.

CHOCOOLACCO.

Born July 10th to Mrs. B. G. Thompson a daughter.

Born July 11th to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lacy a daughter.

The new mill machinery of Messrs. Downing & Morris has arrived. Freight on it was \$215.

Rev. J. A. Scott preached to a large congregation Sunday the funeral of Miss Rachael Rodgers of Villa Rica, Ga., a former member of his church.

Taylor Hewitt is quite sick.

MORRISVILLE.

C. Martin & Son are preparing to build them a gin house on the same place where their gin got burnt last winter.

E. G. Morris & Son are building a new dam preparing to start their machine shop and foundry again.

Some farmers are done laying by but others have several days work to do yet.

Corn and cotton both are looking well. We had a refreshing shower this evening which helped the feelings of the farmers very much.

We have a splendid school at Shady Glen, presided over by Professor J. W. Watson; we also have a Sunday school at the same place that is in a flourishing condition.

The health of this neighborhood is very good, but below here in Beat 14, the flux is raging terribly. Two weeks ago the old Mrs. Acker died and last week her husband, Peter Acker, died, which makes 4 deaths at their house since Christmas, and there is another one expected to die soon.

W. C. Hugins says that there has been 28 deaths in a radius of two miles in the last two months.

ANXSTON.

The Anniston correspondent of the Birmingham Age says: "A reward will be offered in a few days for any base ball club that cannot beat our club."

The artesian well borers expect to get water in 300 feet.

An engine on the A. & A. R. R. ran over and killed a negro boy near Anniston last Saturday.

W. D. Snow, the sprightly local editor of the *Watchman* has been sick, but is up ready for duty.

The *Watchman* has entered the fifth month of its existence and it grows better as it grows older.

Mr. N. Willingham who furnishes Anniston with fish says he catches about two hundred pounds day.

Willis Brown, a negro man, was killed at Anniston Monday evening by a tunnel in which he was working caving in upon him.

Our Anniston correspondent says: There are some indications of a little boom in the city. Our streets have been crowded with wagons and people from the country during the week.

About 50 hands are at work on the new ware house of Comer & Troff, they hope to be ready for business by the 1st of September.

Our merchants say trade is getting better.

J. H. Ledbetter and George Cater are doing all they can to get the wagon yard ready for the accommodation of the farmers this fall and winter.

M. F. McCarty, one of our most enterprising business men has completed his new oil house.

Several new dwelling are soon to be erected in this city.

Our people are anxious to be connected with the good people of

Jacksonville by telephone—how would you like it?

Mike Woodruff one of the best sheriffs in the state, and one of the cleverest men in Calhoun, was in our city a few days ago on business.

J. M. Ledbetter has been traveling in the interest of the firm of Ledbetter & Co. He reports crops fine and the farmers happy.

All the lawyers (except one) and one of the doctors of this town play base ball.

The ladies of the Methodist church are making considerable improvement at the Parsonage. Will have it nicely enclosed and painted.

The members of the Baptist church have voted their Pastor, Rev. E. T. Smyth a vacation of a month. Mr. Smyth will spend the vacation in Virginia.

MARSHAL.

They have a flourishing Sunday school at Union church conducted by Mr. Robt. Browning. Rev. C. M. Livingston will preach at Union Sunday.

Crops in this section very good, considering everything, though we need rain at present.

Uncle John Schenck has the railroad fever and is certain the Gadsden & Anniston railroad will be built soon.

Wm. Usery and wife of Etowah have been visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

ALLSUS.

Farmers are all near through work. Corn is good. Cotton is late for the time but looks well. No sickness of consequence in this neighborhood. Wheat and oats here nearly all threshed out. Wheat light; oats tolerable good. Our school commenced two weeks ago under the charge of Mr. T. J. Treadaway. We have preaching by Rev. M. A. Cornelius at Hopewell each second Sabbath and Saturday before. Last Saturday we had a big excitement over a reported mad dog which ran into the church among the ladies. It was not rabid as it turned out.

A good dam has been put in at the old Allsup Mill.

JENKINS.

Our valley was visited yesterday evening with a terrible storm of wind, rain and hail. We never witnessed so many sudden changes in wind. It would come from one direction with so much force that it looked like every thing in its path would be swept away and in less than five minutes it would be coming from some other way with equal force. The damage to the growing crop will be great.

Commissioner J. C. Watson has measles in his family. Prof. Pittman has a good school at Jenkins school house; also Miss Margaret Gibson has a fine school at Rabbit Town. We think the people of this vicinity should ever feel grateful to Messrs. McAuley and Armstrong for securing for them such an accomplished young lady to teach their children.

Mr. D. A. Cary is having her house completely renovated and will soon have it placed under beautiful colors.

P. B. Watson is preparing to dig a new well. He says water or China.

Road working is soon to commence in our beat under the supervision of Messrs. Fincher and Watson. As they are men of energy, we expect to see better roads in the near future.

The REPUBLICAN failed to come to this office last Saturday which was quite a disappointment to many of its readers.

[Don't know the reason. Another package of papers have been sent—Ed. REPUBLICAN.]

CROSS PLAINS.

Our correspondent Jot, from Cross Plains says: Weather intensely hot. The thermometer way up in the nineties. In our immediate locality rain is very much needed; vegetables have played out for want of it. Last Sunday was the warmest day this year.

Hon. W. J. Alexander and lady were in town last Thursday.

Mr. T. J. Nicholl, manager of the East & West railroad, was in town last Wednesday.

Maj. J. F. Dailey and Miss Kilner visited Cedarton last Thursday.

Mr. Frank Rountree of South Carolina, is on a visit to his brother, Mr. George Rountree, who is at present quite sick.

Mrs. Mitchell, wife of Mr. Adolph Mitchell of Amberson, and sister of our townsmen, Capt. J. N. Hood, died on the morning of the 19th, inst., of consumption.

The negroes along the line of the East & West railroad had an excursion to Sulphur Springs last Saturday. They had a Brass Band along with them.

Mrs. Hugh Crag is quite sick.

Mrs. James Bradshaw left for Selma last Wednesday, to join her husband, who is in now the drug house of Cawthon & Coleman.

We regret very much to lose them.

Mr. Columbus Oaks, one of the visiting young men of our town, is filling the position of telegraph operator at Cave Spring Ga., for the present.

Dr. Allgood, Dentist, was here last Monday and Tuesday busily engaged in the practice of his profession.

As I predicted, week before last, our Base Ball club challenged the Anniston club for a match game.

The boys went down last Thursday and beat the Anniston boys. Now they have got this "feather in their caps" I expect they will challenge other clubs.

I am informed that the Anniston club offered Mr. John Williams of the Cross Plains Club, a handsome salary to come down and be one of them, but he declined to leave his own crowd.

Watermelons and peaches are coming in every day now; the farmers are laying by their crops and the lazy times will soon be here.

It is also about time for the usual sound of protracted meetings to commence.

I understand there is an effort being made to get up a union protracted service by the different denominations of the town. The plan suggested is to build a large bush arbor on the outskirts of the town and hold service under it.

We would like for the evangelist, Sam Jones, to come this way. We have some hard cases here that it will take a Sam Jones to straighten out.

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We are still having a scourge of sickness. Mr. J. P. Gore says he sold three shrouds in one day last week. Dick Boozer's (col.) wife died Monday. Please Martin lost a child Friday.

J. T. Wilkins has one very sick. Also Mr. Greg Lee. Mr. James Kelly's are improving. Mr. J. W. Williams has one also very sick.

Mr. S. S. Holt opened with a fine school at Bethel last Monday morning.

Mr. W. F. Kennedy and son have left for parts unknown.

Mr. Alexander Norris left a few days ago for a visit to North Alabama. We think he is looking out for some widow who is getting tired of her solitude.

Since writing the above we have had a fine rain immediately in and around Peaks Hill.

Mrs. Fannie resumed her school at Hebron last Monday morning.

NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

HENRY J. SHELLMAN, IN TEXAS SITTINOS.

When things run smoothly and my mental
Leisure of clouds, and there's no no cause
for slight, all is lovely and serene, then I
Philosophize.

But when the little life of life appears,
To poster, worry and pile care on care,
When mere existence is sand-papered as it
were,
Why, then I swear.

When on the right side is my bank account,
And a great good luck my efforts seem to
crown
Then upward toward the sky my spirits
I own the town.

But when misfortunes never seem to let
Up on me and each move appears a blunder,
And it seems one "damnation grind," I get
As mad as thunder.

Then so with most; we can well smile at strife,
Atears and trials from which we are free,
And calmly reason o'er the life of life.
We never see.

But when the clouds obscure our daily skies
And the world seems to be thick,
Instead of stopping to philosophize,
We mostly kick.

SAM JONES.

HIS PARTING SERMON AT MURFREESBORO.

Brother Jones said he had been asked to explain what he meant last night by saying repentance was a condition of faith, which he did in a few words: took I, Thessalonians, fifth chapter, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth verses.

How would the average preacher explain that text? He'll say it meant that "the heteronoxicity of the hyperclinical ambidexterity subtended the conglomeration of paradoxical pomposity" or words to that effect. [Great laughter.] The Christian who had a practical comprehension of that text was all right.

There were different grades or degrees in the church, as in Masonry. We had the Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craftsmen and Master Masons. Some, even acknowledged members, never got beyond the first or second degree.

THE LITTLE ENTERED APPRENTICE

CHRISTIAN

only "joins and gifts baptized." That's all he knows about it. He goes on doing nothing, as he always had done! Oh, but I am afraid of those little fellows at the last day—men who do nothing for God or man. Those are the sort. Brother McFerrin (turning to that minister), you feed on soothing syrup and rock to sleep in the cradle. [Laughter.] Poor little trumpered Christians! [Renewed laughter.] How is it with the average membership in all the churches? You have forty entered apprentices, twenty fellow craftsmen, and about ten regular grown up master Masons. [Sensation.] Oh, you little, narrow, insignificant Christians! You need

GOD ALMIGHTY'S OLD WILLAPUS-

WALLAPUS

to run over you and flatten and broaden you out! [Great laughter.] You never get outside the narrow smoke-circle that rises from your own little dirt-chimney. "Oh, I joined the church—joined the church twenty years ago, is all they know and about all they can say. I've joined the church, [mimicking] I have. [Laughter.] He's satisfied to sit down and fold his hands. His little cup is full. He's like a man who starts west in his old ox-wagon. The second night he stops, goes back to where he camped the night before for a chunk of fire, and so on the second and third. He carries nothing within him, and never gets out of sight of home. [Laughter.] He hasn't gone a half mile in twenty years. He never prays in his family, nor at church. Oh, no!

Brethren (turning to the local preachers), you'll never have a prosperous church till you get rid of such cattle. Brother Warren here will have to establish a photograph gallery, or turn book agent [laughter] if he stays much longer with the Cumberlands! He's getting precious little now—\$600. Don't grumble at his preaching; he's giving you the full value of your money. [Laughter.] I don't know why you are

HIRING SO MANY OLD BACHELOR preachers, unless because they come cheap! [Great laughter.] They'll stick to you bachelor preachers till you marry. [Laughter.] Oh, they'll ship you (to Mr. Ramsey) in twelve months' [Renewed laughter.] I'm not prescribing for you Presbyterians. You are known to be the

TUNE-HISTERS ON FINANCE.

[Laughter throughout the audience.] Assess yourselves right now and give Brother Warren \$1,500. Give Brother Dinnididdie \$2,500!

He's getting enough now, but his wife and six children ought to have something to live on. [Laughter.] You will never get the best out of your preachers at the rate you are paying. No horse ever

made 240 on wheat straw. [Great laughter.] I went to your fair grounds the other day to see the thoroughbreds in training there. I like to look at a good horse; I like to see them improved, and only wish there were some means of improving the human race. [Laughter.] I have but one objection to the horse race, and that is my objection to

THE LITTLE SCAMP WHO BETS.

You little, old rotten thing; you pest of society. "I'll bet this, I'll bet that!" (mimicking his squeaking voice and manner, amid laughter and applause.)

Oh, you little betting man. If I were you I'd get a great big dog hide, sew myself up in it, get two more feet leave the tail on the hide, and go. [Immense laughter.]

But where is a prettier sight than

a fine moving horse or a splendid Jersey cow? And it is no more sinful to improve one than the other. I asked the groom at your fair grounds what he fed his horses on, and he said they scoured the country for the finest oats, corn, timothy. And if you want the best preaching you ought to pick the country and give him the very best you've got! [Laughter.] Why, he'd do his best for them! You could make him

FREACH HIMSELF TO DEATH.

[Laughter.] If I had as much money as several church members in Murfreesboro and didn't give the church five times more than they give the devil would get me. If he doesn't get you, it's because God forgives men of feeble intellects. [Laughter.]

"Rejoice evermore; pray without ceasing. Pray in your family—visit the sick—feed the poor. The scriptures don't say 'happy' all the time. Happiness and happiness are derived from the same Latin word, which means 'fortunate.' But a Christian may rejoice whatever his temporal fortune and surroundings, for religion triumphs at all times and under all circumstances.

A good man can pray anywhere—at home or at church! A man

WHO REALLY PRAYS ANYWHERE can pray in public or in private. If he maintains spirit of prayer he'll maintain its form. [That's so.] The members who can't pray at home should hire some faithful colored man to call round colored twice a day and do his praying for him. Or, sister, if your husband will not, do your praying yourself. Say to your little daughter:

"SISSEY GET YOUR DOLL UP, and the little tin horse, to keep your little pappy quiet while I lead in reading and prayer." [Great laughter.] "Or put him in his little cradle and rock him to sleep." Sister how long have you been a widow? [Renewed laughter.] You are not a widow in law, but you never were much married—married just a little! [Laughter.] I wouldn't have changed my name for such a thing—a man who can't pray in his family! I'd made him change change his name—so folks could ask him what his was before he was married! Shave off his whiskers, pull his teeth out, and feed him on the bottle. [Laughter.] But, ah! perhaps that's what's the matter with him! He's been feeding on the bottle too long. [Continued laughter.]

Many are fond of quoting the chapter which says he who does not provide for his house is worse than an infidel—but never reflect that he who fails to kneel with his children at the family alter—to feed them on the bread of life—is a worse heathen than the man who neglects only the bread that passes with the using.

Nothing could make a man sober if he continued to drink! Nor truthful man who kept on lying. One didn't need much grace to be sober if he'd

KEEP RED LIQUOR OUT OF HIS SKIN.

What a dishonest man needed was a dose of honesty. What a stingy man needed was a dose of generosity. But the trouble was in getting a mean, stingy fellow to take the medicine. You might swing his head up to a limb (like doctoring a horse) get a long-neck bottle, stick it in his mouth and rub it down his throat with your hand—he'd kick and protest and spit it out, and die of the belch-cough at last. [Great laughter.]

After this anecdote, Brother Jones returned eloquently to the subject of prayer at the family alter, and delivered a ringing exhortation to sinners and professors. He wanted all those who would promise that they would begin family prayer to-night to rise and stand. A large number rose.

Thank God for that many. Be-

ing to-night; on, my brothers and

tomorrow night may be forever too late. I made this proclamation in a meeting once, and one who should have been a praying and a God-fearing man retained his seat. In ten days after that, poor fellow, he could rise no more. Too late! too late! Now let's try it once more. Fathers, mothers, wives, husbands, heads of families, you who are willing to begin prayer around the blessed home circle this night—rise!

It seemed that, thereupon, nearly the entire audience arose. Brother Jones said he would like to see the man or woman false enough in the presence of God to go back on a pledge like that.

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